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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. TERAO, et al.

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Title: MEMORY DEVICE

Group: 2815

Examiner: J. JACKSON, Jr.

STATEMENT REGARDING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 5, 2006

Sir:

The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the Amendment being filed herewith are each in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 5, 2006. In this Final Office Action, a form PTOL-326 has been provided as an Office Action Summary. This form PTOL-326 includes a heading "Period for Reply" and, under this heading, no time has been set for the shortened statutory period. In addition, under the heading "Period for Reply" the statement is made:

"If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication."

Accordingly, from the above-noted statements made in the PTOL-326 form, it is applicants understanding that the full six-month period for response is available in this matter, without the need for filing a Petition for Extension of

Time form. Therefore, entry of the attached RCE and Amendment, without the need for a Petition for Extension of Time, is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes there are any matters which can clarified either by way of a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.43579X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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